Import of Capital Goods Under the Export Production Capital Goods Scheme

588. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the extent of import of capital goods cleared under the Export Production Capital Goods Scheme during the current financial year so far;

(b) the extent to which these imports have already been made; and

(c) what norms are adopted in permitting such imports ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) Under the Export Promotions Capital Goods Scheme applications for import of Capital Goods for a value of Rs. 1946.44 crores have been cleared during the period 1-4-92 to 3-11-92.

(b) Separate statistical data are not maintained for import of capital goods under the Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme.

(c) The detailed policy for import of capital goods under the Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme is contained in Chapter VI of the Export & Import Policy, 1992-97, a copy of which is available in the Parliament Library.

Compensation for Exports Rejected Claims

589. SHRI ASHIS SEN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government pays compensations for exports rejected claims;

(b) whether the same amount is recovered from the exporters later on in case it is made by the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and in what manner the exporters get foreign exchange to pay the compensation ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED). (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Free Import from China

590. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : SHRI SARADA MOHANTY : SHRIMATI MIRA DAS :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to allow free import of a number of items from China;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any reciprocal decisions has been taken by China for free import of some goods from India ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) and (b) Recently Government has allowed following items to be imported freely for the purpose of border trade with China :—

1. Wool
2. Goat Cashmere (Pasham)
3. Goat Skins
4. Sheep Skins
5. Yak Tails
6. Goats
7. Sheep
8. Yak Hair
9. Horses
10. Salt
11. Borax
12. Szaibelyite
13. China Clay
14. Butter
15. Silk

Imports of Goat Skins, Sheep Skins and Yak Tails, Goats, Sheep, Yak Hair and Horses will be subject to the provisions of convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and any other laws for the time being in force.

(c) For the purpose of border trade, Chinese Authorities also allow free access of certain Indian goods into Tibet Autonomous Region of China.